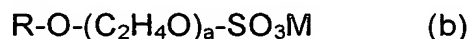


CLAIMS

1. A hair shampoo composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

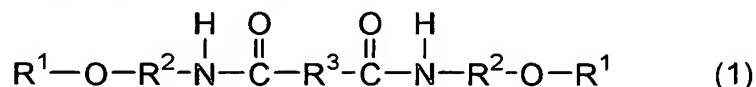
(A): an amphipathic amide lipid, and

(B): from 5 to 30 wt.% of sulfate surfactants which are each represented by the following formula (b):



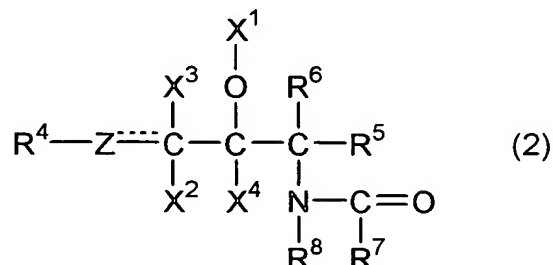
(wherein, R represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having from 8 to 18 carbon atoms, a stands for 0 or a positive integer, and M represents an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkanolamine or basic amino group); are made of from 30 to 45 wt.% of the sulfate exhibiting a=0, from 17 to 27 wt.% of the sulfate exhibiting a=1, from 10 to 20 wt.% of the sulfate exhibiting a=2, and the balance of the sulfates exhibiting a=3 or greater; and contain the sulfates exhibiting a=0 to 2 in an amount of 70 wt.% or greater based on the total sulfates.

2. The hair shampoo composition of Claim 1, wherein component (A) is selected from the group consisting of amphipathic amide lipids represented by any one of the following formulas (1) to (4):



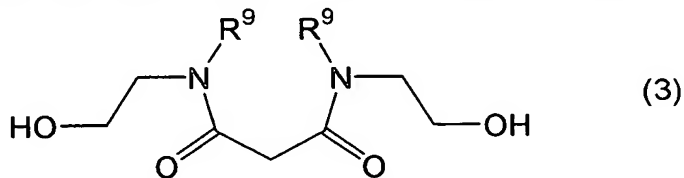
wherein, R¹ represents a linear or branched C₁₋₁₂ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted with hydroxyl

group(s) and/or alkoxy group(s), R^2 represents a linear or branched divalent C_{1-5} hydrocarbon group, and R^3 represents a linear or branched divalent C_{1-22} hydrocarbon group,

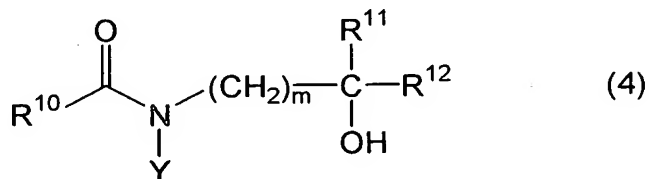


5 wherein, R^4 represents a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated C_{4-30} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted with hydroxyl, oxo or amino group(s), Z represents a methylene group, a methine group or an oxygen atom, a broken line represents the presence or absence of a
 10 π bond, X^1 represents a hydrogen atom, an acetyl group or a glyceryl group, or, together with the adjacent oxygen atom, forms an oxo group, X^2 , X^3 and X^4 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group or an acetoxymethyl group (with the proviso that when Z represents a methine
 15 group, one of X^2 and X^3 represents a hydrogen atom and the other does not exist, and when $-\text{O}-\text{X}^1$ represents an oxo group, X^4 does not exist), R^5 and R^6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a hydroxymethyl group or an acetoxymethyl group, R^7
 20 represents a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated C_{5-35} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted with a hydroxyl or amino group, or the saturated C_{5-35} hydrocarbon group in

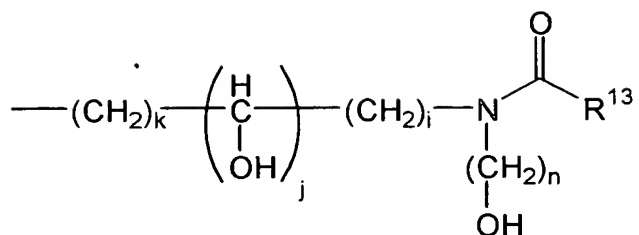
which a linear, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid which may be substituted with hydroxyl group(s) is ester-bonded to the ω-position of the hydrocarbon group, and R⁸ represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group which may have substituent(s) selected from a hydroxyl group, hydroxyalkoxy groups, alkoxy groups and an acetoxy group and has from 1 to 8 carbon atoms in total,



R⁹ represents a C₁₀₋₁₈ alkyl group which may be substituted with hydroxyl group(s),



wherein, R¹⁰ represents a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₉₋₃₁ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted with hydroxyl group(s), or a 2-dodecen-1-yl succinic acid residue, m stands for an integer of from 1 to 3, R¹¹ and R¹² each represents a hydrogen atom or C₁₋₄ alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group, Y represents a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₁₀₋₃₂ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted with hydroxyl group(s), or a substituent represented by the following formula:



in which, k, i and n each stands for an integer of from 1 to 3, j stands for 0 or 1, and R¹³ represents a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₉₋₃₁ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted with hydroxyl group(s), and mixtures thereof.

3. The hair shampoo composition of Claim 2, wherein component (A) is selected from the group consisting of amphipathic amide lipids represented by either one of the formulas (1) and (2), and mixtures thereof.

4. The hair shampoo composition of Claim 1, wherein component (B) is a sulfate type surfactant which is made of from 33 to 43 wt.% of the sulfate exhibiting a=0, from 20 to 25 wt.% of the sulfate exhibiting a=1, from 13 to 18 wt.% of the sulfate exhibiting a=2, and the balance of the sulfates exhibiting a=3 or greater; and the sulfates exhibiting a=0 to 2 are incorporated in an amount of from 85 wt.% or greater based on all the sulfates.

5. The hair shampoo composition of Claim 1, which further comprises a cationic polymer.

6. The hair shampoo composition of Claim 5, wherein the cationic polymer is selected from the group consisting

of cationic cellulose derivatives and cationic guar gum derivatives, and mixtures thereof.

5 7. The hair shampoo composition of Claim 1, having a pH of from 1 to 5 at 25°C when diluted to 20 times its weight with water.

8. A hair protecting method, which comprises the steps of applying a hair shampoo composition as claimed in Claim 1 to the hair, shampooing with the composition, and then rinsing off the composition.